LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT POLICY
No. LP40-001
Citizen Comments; No Bags or Recording Devices in Legislative Meetings

Individuals attending Legislative meetings shall adhere to the following Policies and Procedures:

Those in attendance must not be disruptive and must follow the Chickasaw Code. Where the Code and these Policies and Procedures are silent as to rules of order, Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed.

Individuals may be allowed to speak under Agenda Item "Comments from Citizens", at the discretion of the Chairman/Madam Chair. Individuals must state their name, which district they reside in, and citizenship if applicable.

Five (5) minutes may be allowed for recognized speakers unless an exception is given for additional time.

All comments should be addressed to or through the Chairperson. The Chairperson and Legislators are not required to answer any questions or provide any comments of their own unless they are moved to do so.

Comments must not be derogatory or disparaging toward anyone whether they are present or not, or the Chickasaw Nation or any department, entity, official or employee thereof.

If a citizen's comments are deemed inappropriate, the citizen may be declared out of order by the Chairperson. The Chairperson may declare the speaker's time to be up, have the speaker removed, and declare the speaker's privilege to speak at Legislative Sessions and meetings null and void, depending upon the severity of the comments or actions of the speaker.

Rules regarding comments from citizens may be found at Title 16 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, Section 16-201.7.

There shall be no bags allowed within Legislative meetings by non-Legislators, non-staff, or non-personnel.

There shall be no recordings or recording devices allowed within Legislative meetings without written request and written consent. All recording devices of non-Legislators, non-staff, or non-personnel, including phones must be left outside of the chambers for Committee of the Whole and outside of the building for Sessions and Special Sessions.

The Chickasaw Nation Code is available at www.chickasaw.net.

Executed by simple majority in Legislative Committee on July 17, 2023, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Chairperson
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature